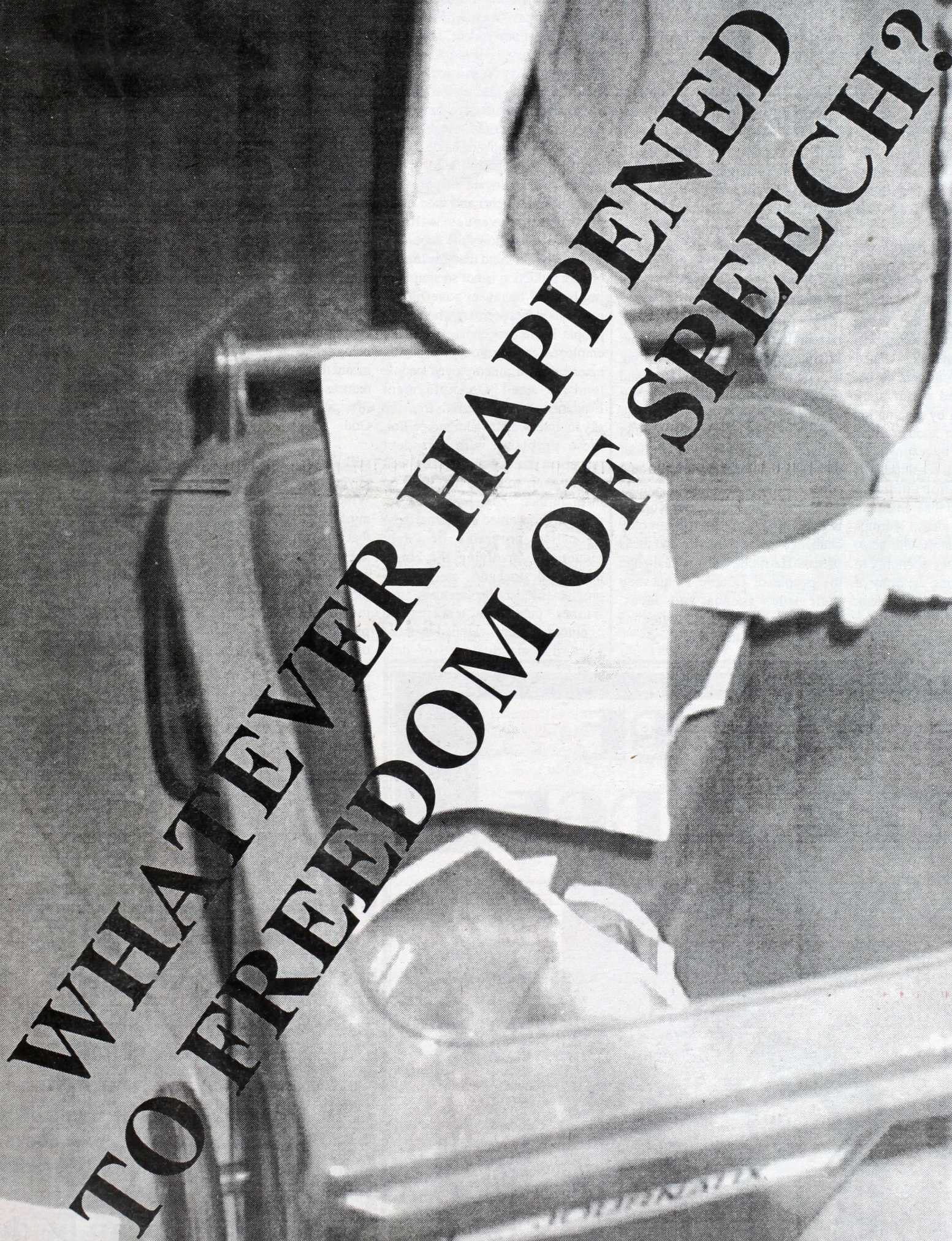


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I disapprove of what you say,
but will defend to the death your
right to say it.

-- Voltaire



WHATEVER HAPPENED
TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH?

SUPPORTING DIFFERENT VIEWS SINCE 1961

Kormos Fields LU Questions

by Sean Cloutier
Contributor

Peter Kormos, who is seeking the leadership of the Ontario New Democratic Party paid Laurentian University a visit Friday March 8. After speaking in a number of political science classes, Kormos gave an opportunity to a small but interested number of students to ask questions.

Kormos, clearly came across as a supporter of working class people. he stated that if the NDP were to return to power he would reinstate the NDP's Bill 40 which banned the use of strike breaking scabs. Kormos further demonstrated his support for working class people by declaring himself an "advocate of public ownership." In terms of the economic crisis in Ontario, Kormos was bitter as if he was suffering the burden of unemployment himself; he whispered simply and without emotion "I am tired of unemployment."

During the tow hours spent in the Senate Chambers, Kormos shifted his body in all sorts of positions, each seemingly as uncomfortable as the next. When asked about affirmative action policies he sat up and then leaned back in his chair, confident in his reply. When asked about state regulation, he began by placing his cowboy boots up on another chair and again concluded by resting back in his chair, sure in his response. his movements did not indicate nervousness but rather the excitement of a man filled with ideas. Kormos believes a government should "seize control of a facet of the economy to create jobs." Capturing the irony of the present course of government, Kormos declared that we need "ownership of the economy."

Determination is the way to describe Peter Kormos in terms of the direction he wants to take the NDP. He conceded that the NDP has shifted from the "left" to the "right" in terms of its politics. Humorously put, he said Ontario does not need one conservative party (Mike Harris) and two liberal parties. Most importantly on his agenda was that the NDP return to being labours' political wing and never again sellout labour as was done in the Social Contract, which Kormos never supported. True to the spirit of the NDP, Kormos acknowledged that the NDP is a "coalition of views," and that all views must be respected.

Peter Kormos has been described as a "loose canon" and "too left" for the left wing party. In Ontario it has become fashionable to be conservative. It has become fashionable to champion cuts to social programs, to snicker at public sector job cuts, to praise tuition hikes, to demand state regulation, all in the name of reducing the deficit, in the misplaced hope that the economy, if left to its own vices, will produce a positive outcome.

Peter Kormos is not in fashion but he certainly is a canon. When asked how far he was willing to go in terms of state regulation and ownership, Kormos replied, "as far as it takes." Mike Harris is the flag bearer of a right wing plutocracy and he needs a challenger. With my brief encounter with Peter Kormos, I would conclude that he is an incredibly capable challenger. If Peter Kormos is true to his word, he will not only challenge the role, agenda and ideas of Mike Harris, he will also challenge the people of Ontario to question their role, agenda and ideas, something everyone would agree this province desperately needs.

by Alan Hopkins
Contributor

Cutting social programs, unemploying, civil servants, and "legally" stealing money from civil servants hard earned pension funds, are all thought by some to be sensible means by which a government of our country or province can raise revenue to "reduce" (or eliminate) its "public debt". And certainly if we limit our interpretation of "public debt" to being only that held by our institutions of government, and not by members of the public, there would seem to be no reason that programs to reduce "public debt", involving the above mentioned measures should not work, at least on paper. Overall, this strategy for reducing "public debt" should be simple to grasp. All a government has to do to carry out this program, is to spend less money on social programs, employ fewer civil servants, and "legally" steal money from employees pension funds (which rightfully belongs 100% to public employees, as unpaid wages, held back till retirement) and then more government revenues will be available to pay down the debt. We should keep in mind that this theory of debt reduction is not so simple to implement because government revenues in fact decrease when fewer people, in this case civil servants, are employed, earning money and paying taxes; as well, unemployed people tend to need Unemployment Insurance and, if no job falls from the sky in time, welfare a lot more. But, these problems with this debt reduction strategy are already well fought over, so I will not dwell on them further. The problem I am primarily concerned with is that these so called programs of "debt reduction", involving the above mentioned strategies, are actually programs of "debt displacement"; that is to say, "public debt" is not reduced or eliminated, as is claimed by those who advocate this kind of debt

The Hoax: "Debt Reduction"

reduction; rather responsibility for it is transferred by governments, from itself, to the public. How does this happen?

Well, first of all, we must realize that social programs are our society's primary method of 'trying' to ensure that no person in our society goes without basic human needs (nutrition, shelter, society's best 'attempt' so far, at trying to stop or control wide income disparities, that would otherwise leave many of, in worst case, dead, or ill, hungry, without proper clothing or shelter, ignorant, or the vulnerable prey organized crime which can always "use" desperate people for its purposes. Other means of controlling or eliminating these problems, such as private charity, strongly supported by government investment. In imagining for a moment the essentially disastrous outcome awaiting our society if we allow our governments to reduce or destroy our social programs, it should not be difficult to see that basic human needs, unlike, for example, the large amounts of capital and assets, luxury items, and estates owned by the rich, which far exceed basic human needs, cannot be 'themselves' reduced or eliminated without either compromising the well peoples' well being or leaving people to die. Which means that even when the government reduces or eliminates its fact of human life, unalterable by anyone except God.

Thus, social security will still require funding, even if the government is not present to do it. Which means that either someone must be providing funding to ensure that these needs are met, or that this is not being done and people in our society are attempting to live without their basic needs having been met. In the former case, members of the public assume the financial burden off loaded onto them by government. Health Care, Education, Welfare, etc., are paid for, by us personally, in various ways (i.e. user fees, higher tuition, and donations, etc.), rather than collectively. In the latter case, social costs to our society register in financial terms by the socio-economic emergencies, as persons unable to pay the new 'indirect taxes' turn to less desirable means of getting their basic needs met. The end result of governments trying to "reduce" "public debt" by cutting social

programs, is to give us, the public the debt that was (and is) properly the government responsibility.

Some might pose one or both of the following questions in reply to this analysis of so called "debt reduction": One, is not the "public debt" is the public's responsibility anyways? And two, maybe we cannot afford to have social programs? In reply to the first question, I am generally in agreement with the idea that "public debt" is the public's responsibility, but not going so far as to say that members of the public bear this burden individually. The government, and all its institutions are properly 'under' the authority of the public, and, because we live in democracy and not "ol' boys club" (oligarchy), the government is both obligated to really reduce "public debt", not displacing it to both obligated to really reduce "public debt", not displacing it to the public, and so what if it is in the interest of the majority of the public. What is in our interest as the public, is to have our basic social security protected and improved at all costs, even if this means changing history and taxing those who are very wealthy and large companies, who or which, own far more than basic need can warrant. If our society can afford to support rich people, we should definitely be able, as a society, to provide for everyone's basic well being or our people. Presently the very wealthy and large companies get by paying virtually no taxes whatsoever; maybe they should pay taxes just like the rest of us (i.e. on revenue, at rates of about 40%, like many middle income earners presently do).

In reply to the second question, I contend that we would ask not "whether" we can afford to have social programs?" The practical consequences of doing without, as well as realizing the positive contribution they have made to the well being of our society, makes negative answers unrealistic, and at best, abstract. The answer must be that "we cannot afford not to have them."

If debt reductionists want their hoax to end anytime soon they can stop their 'programs' of cutting social programs, putting people out of work, and reduce the debt by some means other than compromising the well being of people and evading the whole problem.

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Enter Stage Right

by Gord Gekko
Columnist

"They haven't understood or tried to understand that changes are underway in the economy. They've done a real disservice in the case of some people on the left to the membership of the trade union movement because I don't think they've served them well with a rhetoric that's worthy of the 1950's. And I think they've shown an almost total incapacity to live and to learn and to recognize that the world is changing around us."

"The (NDP) has to come to terms with the global economy. I don't think we have to embrace all of its values but I think we have to understand that it's not going to suddenly go away because a few people wave a couple of placards and

make some good speeches."

Now who do you think said the above? Gerry Kaplan? Ed Broadbent? ho about Peter Kormos? No one all three guesses. The ex-leader of the Ontario NDP made those comments recently. That's right, Bob Rae. How come Ray Marks has never published remarks like these?

I don't think much of Rae because he didn't make these remarks before he took power in Ontario, he made them after his party was obliterated in the last provincial election. He didn't make these comments before he attempted to place the yoke of neo-socialist policies on Ontario. He certainly didn't act as if there was a global economy while he was in office. These are the comments of a failed man.

Rae isn't the thrust of this piece though. While Rae does make a valid observation that the left engages in 1950's style dogma and action, that they are unable to change

and that they think reality does not have to intrude on their dreams. Rae is now just one foot soldier in the body of people like him. What the opponents of reality have to do is realize that the world and this country has changed, and it's because of people like him.

What I mean by that is that all the policies that liberals and leftists have championed and instituted over the last few decades are why the world is different. People are realizing that in a free society that these programs simply do not work and end up as a huge drag on the entire country. Look at all the programs that his ilk have instituted.

Canada Pension Plan. Because the first wave of baby boomers will retire in about 10 to 15 years, the plan will go bankrupt or increased taxation will be needed to prop it up. Youth today do not want to contribute to it because they know that the plan will not exist or pay anywhere the same benefits that CPP

does now. Did you know that CPP only returns 2.5% on the money invested in it? Let people invest their own money for their retirement and we'll have fewer people who have to live on the pittance that the government thinks is fair.

Medicare. Massive costs and increasingly poor service spotlight that the Medicare system in this country is simply untenable. The wealthy may go to the United State to receive health coverage, but not because they want a two tier system, but because they are tired of waiting months for needed services, showing the need of private medical system. Added to this is that doctors are not our slaves and should not be compelled to provide service because some liberal tells them society is more important than their rights. And sure we don't want user fees, why ask people to actually pay for a service?

Unemployment Insurance. Benefits seem to fall yearly and the time it takes to quality only gets longer. Do you think it's fair that people in the East Coast work only part of the year and then thinks it's their right to use UI for the rest of the year? Try it in Ontario...universality for some, not for all...

Welfare/Social Assistance. Welfare rolls exploded under the NDP government in Ontario, yet Harris is accused of creating more poverty, showing what I've argued for years, leftists feel no compunction to use facts when they debate and create policy, they just do what they think is right. The welfare system is barely holding together and I wonder about the country that thinks it's lawful to redistribute wealth from people who want to keep their production. Freedom for some, not for all...

I could go on, but I trust I've made a point. These programs, and those like them, are untenable, wrong and punish the producers of this country. They invariably end in severe money problems for the governments that institute them and are open sores of mismanagement, abuse and fraud.

What people in this province and Canada must realize is that the days of these programs is nearly over. They have proven to be manifest failures in solving or even relieving the problems that they were originally

meant to eradicate. People are no better off if they are using these programs and the rest of us are punished for producing with some of the highest tax rates in North America. Ask yourself this, why do you continue to support programs that solve no problems?

If your answer is that you sincerely believe in these programs, then I can't help you. You've decided to overlook the facts in favour of some feel-goodism. Your answer is to simply raise taxes on the evil businessmen who gave you your job and built something that you couldn't. This is where the left has been stuck since the 1960's. If you've been blind to the facts, then there is no shame in admitting your ignorance. The shame comes from knowing reality and then denying it. The mainstream of Canada is generally in this group. They know that there are problems, but haven't been able to figure out or find out what they are and government has been little help in telling you.

I cannot repeat it enough. It is time for people to realize that these programs cannot go in a free society. They seriously impair the economy, they infringe on the rights of the individual to keep the proceeds of their work, and they are wrong. The left may deny reality, but that doesn't mean that you have to. Go look for the answers yourself and see what you come up with. No matter your ideology, you have to come to the same conclusions.

I was going through some Canadian Press releases recently when the following came to my attention. According to the Industry Department the number of personal and business bankruptcies soared to record levels in 1995. 78 690 businesses and individuals declared bankruptcy last year, a 20 per cent increase over 1994. The Federal government has done little to improve the economy and this is yet another indication of that. Perhaps the Chretien regime can create another Infrastructure Program that will waste money and create no real jobs.

Next Week: The last-ever Enter Stage Right??? Will you ever be rid of me?

Tales From The Left

by Ray Mark
Columnist

"Every class struggle is a political struggle" wrote Karl Marx and Frederik Engels. This is a topic that I have avoided all year and I'm finally going to treat it.

When writing the basis for socialism, Marx and Engels used class struggles to explain just about every problem mankind has faced. As the founding principle of one of the most powerful political vehicle in the world, this notion of class struggles should not be disregarded in 1996.

It has become a somewhat subdued political slogan for parties from all sides of the spectrum. The right-winged parties use the class struggle while making their pitch to the middle class and upper class business people. The centre parties use it for all classes and especially the left.

We must know what a class can be. The true sense of the word is a social class, mainly determined by your income. It can be determined by your job, your religion or your beliefs. The fact is that the majority of beliefs are associated to your "class." Pat Buchanan, Bob Dole and Steve Forbes all demonstrated how the class game can be played and to whose advantage.

The Common Sense Revolution uses class struggle very well by attempting to satisfy two very distinct groups in society. The tax cut for the middle class and the deficit reduction cuts for the upper class Ontarians. While maintaining its right-winged agenda and party foundation, the Tories are trying to play to two classes at the same time.

Political parties will never be able to satisfy all groups or classes in society. We've seen it with the Tories, the Liberals, the New Democrats and Reform. No matter how well you use class struggles to

your advantage, there will always be a loser when the cards are dealt. Call it the tyranny of the majority if you will but the majority's first priority is to protect the minority.

We've seen the class struggle used openly in the former Soviet Union and communist China. The U.S. uses class struggles and has for a very long time but would never admit to it.

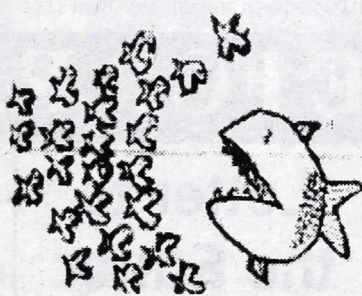
The power has remained in the elite's hands for over 200 years because the American government has readapted its strategies to control the class struggle and to use it to their advantage.

Once in a while you have political figures who attempt to use all of the classes to their advantage. Such examples include: Jean Chretien, Paul Martin (or any liberal), Bill Clinton, Pat Buchanan, etc. Such personalities make very good first impressions but never last as they soon realize that Marx and Engels were correct by saying that history then, now and in the future is a series of class struggles.

Many political scientists have abandoned this ideal and consider it to be untrue. But all ideals can be reformulated to fit today's situations and circumstances. Class struggles still exist and in a perfect world they wouldn't. This is where Utopia comes in. Socialism does not promote a sort of Utopia today as it may have 150 years ago. Such a state is unachievable but we can try to bridge the gap between classes.

Canada is moving into a very dangerous direction. The upper class gets more and more powerful as the others are left behind. Once born in a certain class you die most likely in the same one. "The working man has no country" Marx and Engels also wrote. There comes a time when the working class realizes that aristocratic feudalism still exists.

Feudalism did not die with the last century, but was simply reborn to take on a new shape called the business world. The exploitation of classes still goes on by the ones who



hold the power. "Power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely" wrote Shakespeare. The leaders of the business and political world are not afraid to show their power to control the classes.

Mankind should be striving towards a society without classes. Lifetimes of suffering would then end. Am I promoting communism? No, I believe in democracy and modern socialism. But I also believe that the notion of class struggles is not one that should simply be laid to rest. We (whatever class you belong to) should realize how dangerous this division of society is and can be and how easy it is for certain classes to control, oppress and take advantage of another.

As Michael Darknight wanted to receive the Adam Smith Award because of last week's article, he's not going to. Sorry, Mickey, but I would like to congratulate you for including certain mentions of social classes in that article. Your opinion deserves no award and should remain as the title of your column: a Phantom of the Dark Ages.

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Here we go again!

Well, we've done it again. We've caused more controversy. The phone at the office has been ringing off the hook and people are angry, all because we accepted an anti-abortion supplement. The reasons for accepting the ad were simple. The ad fell within our own advertising policy, ie. it wasn't sexist, racist, homophobic or heterosexist. The photos within those pages weren't graphic. So what's the problem?

Laurentian's Women Centre is the most irate group. They seem to think that such an ad does not belong on campus or within the pages of the student paper. Unfortunately, we disagree. University papers have always been the one place where readers could expect the unexpected, a place where censorship is limited and, hopefully, both sides of an issue are exposed. Somehow, they felt that maybe we should have consulted with them about the running of this ad. Why? We haven't consulted with Laurentian's Gay and Lesbian community who might be offended by the bi-sexual ad that we ran. Why should we consult with any special interest group as to our advertising inserts? Would the Women's Centre be surprised to know that not all students on campus are pro-choice, but rather, some are pro-life. We believe that these students have a

right to see their beliefs within the paper that they also pay for.

It is interesting to note that the Women's Centre asks for tolerance and acceptance of others' beliefs, but when it came to the printing of views that were not their own, they were anything but tolerant. A double-standard? Not here at good ol' LU. The double-standard might be that the Women's Centre is taking four pages of your paper and not paying advertising rates for them. This could be considered favoritism by some.

Another argument is that women on campus might be faced with this extremely difficult decision. We don't believe that this supplement should affect any such decision. If anyone has walked by any of the abortion clinics in Toronto, you'll understand how this ad is nothing compared to the harassment that happens in front of those place by pro-lifers. Shouts of "don't kill your baby", and cries of "murderer" are more the norm. We've heard of people being thrown rotten meat as a symbolic gesture, perhaps? Also, these photos are the same ones you could find in any magazine, or are the typical pro-life photos of babies

within the womb. The Women's Centre complained that women on campus who have undergone the procedure might be faced with guilt and remorse because of these photos. We feel this is an unreasonable claim. Because these photos are rather mainstream, is it reasonable to believe that women who have had abortions are now closing themselves into their homes and not living for fear of seeing babies or children and being reminded of the choice they made? If the choice was made freely, there should be no guilt or remorse. Abortion is not an easily made choice; many women have agonized over what they want to do in such a situation. But, for those women who have made this choice, it was the right one for them. And last week's supplement should in no way make anyone feel guilty, but rather should reinforce the fact that a proper decision was made.

The Women's Centre has asked us to place their own supplement, discussing the pro-choice side. This is fine and you'll find it in the pages of this paper. Maybe now, we can continue the debate on this very controversial issue. We believe that neither side will back down and that this won't be

resolved in our lifetime.

The Centre has also asked if we would print an apology. This is still baffling us. Why would we print an apology for printing an ad that is in no way graphic or offensive. The Centre, rather than attacking Lambda, should be taking their complaints to the Sudbury Chapter of Right to Life. Maybe they're upset the the Pro-Lifers thought of advertising with us, sort of beat them to the punch. Interesting idea.

The Pro-choice supplement was not in the same issue as the Pro-life ad for one simple reason: we felt that the Pro-choice supplement (not colour, no pictures) would have gotten lost within the pages while the Pro-life supplement (with full colour and photos) would have had the same impact it had last week. We wanted readers to focus on both issues, not on one in particular because it had the photos and colour.

The most important thing for people to realize is that now the discussion about this issue has begun. Over the past few days, after people discussed whether or not the insert belonged in the student paper, they moved on to discuss abortion. Isn't this the whole point of a student paper,

to promote discussion about controversial and difficult topics?

There have been calls for us to shut down. This would be a great disservice to students. For the first time in many years, Lambda has become a place where all views can come together. We believe that students, while they might not agree with everything we print, once they consider the alternative, would support a paper where opinions are important, regardless of whether or not they agree with them. As staff on one of the campus papers, it is quite difficult to keep our own beliefs and opinions out of the copy that is going out to the students. Lambda is not a place for particular causes dear to a small handful of people but rather a forum for all students to express their views. Would students support a paper that became a mouthpiece for one particular group, association or club? Not likely.

Anyone needing further information can contact the Canadian Abortion Rights Action League, at 416-961-1507. They are quite supportive and will help those seeking advice or possible alternatives. Also, the Sudbury and District Health Unit offers counselling and referrals. They can be reached at 522-9200.

SPACE FOR RANT

Letter to the Editor

Hats off to Lambda for including the pro-life insert, "She's a Child, Not a Choice" in your paper. Thank you Dominic Vidmar so much for showing due regard to the democratic process of free speech. Frankly, I don't know what Renee Mallet at the Women's Centre is so upset about. It would be censorship to not present pro-life views on abortion. Does Ms. Mallet believe that university campuses are sacred ground for elect pro-choicers only to present their views and beliefs on abortion?

As a former Laurentian University student, it gives me great pride to say that I completed my degree in sociology at Laurentian. During those years, I was taught to be open minded, objective, unbiased, and non-prejudicial. It is no secret that the overwhelming majority of material available to students is pro-choice. It is possible that the pro-choicers are afraid that students may see through the rhetoric of the politically correct eloquent arguments

of the pro-abortionists? By being open minded, objective, unbiased, and non-prejudicial, is it possible that students may see the plain truth on abortion? There is no choice when the life about to be destroyed is that of another human being.

Pictures challenge our denial of the horrors of abortion. If something is too horrible to look at, perhaps it is too horrible to condone. Watching real life pictures of the holocaust in W.W.II instill on our very psyche that this really happened. Listening to lectures may not have the same effect. Nothing is more relevant to discussion of something than that which shows what it really is. Pictures of aborted fetuses/babies and abortion techniques show what abortion really is. Are we afraid of the truth? Are we afraid of our conscience convicting us? If we are, we can deny the truth and hide behind the thin veneer of choice. Or, choose Life!!!

Democratically yours,
Richard Carriere

Letter to the Editor

I would like to take the opportunity to thank those people who supported me in the recent SGA elections. While my personal loss was a disappointment, the new executive for next year is a strong one, very capable of meeting the challenges that lie ahead next year.

Your faith in me and my vision for Laurentian, as it has been expressed in the past two weeks truly has been appreciated.

It has been a true pleasure serving the students of Laurentian.

Thank you.
John Wilkin

Yes it is a Club. And Going Strong

In response to the opinion letter published in the Lambda written by Aonghus Kealy, I, Domenico Rocca on behalf of Incontri, the Italian Club would like to clarify misrepresented matters. It is unfortunate that we have one dissatisfied member out of our 120 members. Due to circumstances beyond our control we were unable to directly contact Mr. Kealy. Had he been a truly concerned and interested member he would have contacted us earlier in the year regarding his problem.

To begin, Mr. Kealy claims to have spent \$3.00 in purchasing two slices of pizza. The actual price was \$1.00 per slice, which would have amounted to \$2.00 as opposed to \$3.00. The next issue Mr. Kealy mentions is the lack of advertising and posters around campus. Anytime we put on an event large posters are placed in the Student's Centre notifying both members and non-members of the event being held. One example of this is the large poster that has been placed in the Student's Centre advertising our pizza day. A

third point, Aonghus mentions is our so-called "unaffordable" ski trip. I personally challenge Aonghus Kealy to find a comparable trip at a more affordable price.

It appears that his journalism skills leave much to be desired, misspelling of names, alteration of quotes, and unresearched facts appear throughout his letter. In addition to this, great offense was taken to Mr. Kealy's comment about this club being an, "unofficial exclusive" club that caters to the, "snotty elite" and goes on to call us an, "elitist clique". We the executive find it inappropriate that Aonghus would call us an, "elitist" group. This comes from someone who does not know us personally and does not know what our club is all about.

This club works hard in providing successful and entertaining events for its members as well as for those who choose not to become members. It is unfortunate that Aonghus does not feel the same as our many satisfied members.

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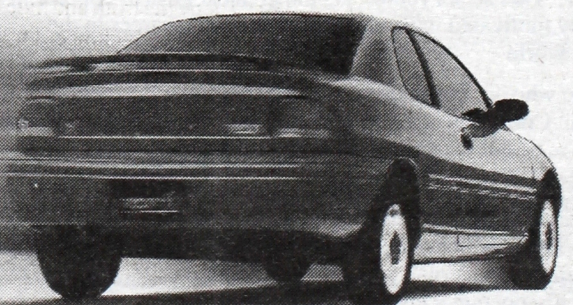
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Dr. Angus Gilbert's collection of books will be on sale in the instructional room of the J.N. Demarais Library on March 27, 28 & 29. The L.U. community suffered a great loss when Dr. Gilbert's battle with cancer finally ended in the summer of 1993. A native of Capreol he came to teach history here at L.U. in 1970. While here at L.U. he was very active, holding quite a number of positions within the university such as Chair of the History Dept. and Dean of Social Sciences. During his illustrious teaching career he enlightened all those who took his classes to the world of 20th Century Canadian History. The majority of the money generated in the book sale will be donated to the Angus Gilbert Memorial Fund, while a small portion will be donated to L.U.'s two history societies. This is a spectacular collection of books and should appeal to anyone who is interested in the study of English as well as History. As befits Dr. Gilbert's contribution to L.U. this sale will be enjoyed as a celebration of his accomplishments. Prices start at \$5.00 and will be reduced until all books are sold. Special prizes will be given out to the first fifty book buyers. See you there!

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Pro-Choice Speaks

Friday, March 15, 1996, a group of students, professors and staff attended an emergency meeting to address the issue of the paid advertisement included in the March 14 issue of Lambda: "She's a Child - Canada". These next four pages dedicated to the issue of Pro-Choice, are a direct result of our outrage and dismay that such an advertisement found its way into the Laurentian University student newspaper. Adding to the problematic nature of the advertisement is the fact that upon presenting the controversial issue of abortion, the newspaper did not even attempt to give both sides of the story in the same issue.

After being approached by Pro-Choice advocates and other concerned people on campus, Lambda left it to us to fill the pages as we saw fit by a Sunday deadline (roughly three days time). We felt responsible for ensuring that the abortion issue be dealt with adequately.

Although Lambda informed those concerned that they had always intended to cover Pro-Choice in the next edition of the paper, this was not indicated anywhere in the March 14 edition of the paper.

Those who have contributed to these four pages on Pro-Choice condemn the decision to include the *Campaign Life Coalition* paid advertisement in the March 14, 1996, issue of the *student* newspaper. Although Lambda claims this is about the freedom of speech of anti-choice groups,

nowhere in society is the freedom of speech of anti-choice groups denied. The real issue is about responsibility in relation to advertising. Lambda has made an editorial mistake in providing concrete support to an anti-choice group, which has had detrimental effects on many women on campus.

Who is the Campaign Life Coalition? The *Campaign Life Coalition* is one of the more militant and political part of the mainstream Canadian "Right to Life" movement. It is not the same organization as the "Right To Life" Association. In fact, many of the members of this right wing organization not only advocate the abolition of a woman's right to abortion, they also are associated with anti-feminist and anti-gay and anti-lesbian groups. For more details on this see the following article.

The *Campaign Life Coalition* insert represents pregnancy as an entirely female issue. Nowhere in the twelve page colour insert is there any mention of men's role in parenthood, or men's relationship to children. This sexist approach to pregnancy denies men's involvement in pregnancy, and paints a degrading picture of women who have had abortions as monsters. Why is this insert entitled "She's a Child not a 'Choice'"? The *Campaign Life Coalition* refers to the fetus as female throughout the insert. What about male fetus?

The Campaign Life Coalition is anti-women.

It wants to abolish abortion in order to control women's bodies, but as the 1988 Supreme Court decision upholds: "The right to decide what is done with

or to one's body is a fundamental human right... If the pregnant woman does not have the right to decide whether her body is to be used to nurture a new life - if someone else can force her to carry a fetus to term against her will - then she is less than human" according to Canada's Charter of Rights (Freedom of Choice, CARAL). *Campaign Life Coalition* openly states that incest and sexual assault survivors, as well as all women regardless of their health / economic situation / age / human rights, should be prohibited from having abortions.

Among many of the unfounded and contentious statements made in *Campaign Life Coalition's* insert we have chosen a few to respond to directly:

- they state that abortion, rather than the baby boom, is the cause of our aging population.

- they imply that in the case of ectopic pregnancies women should die rather than abort.

- they state that women are rendered powerless by having the right to control their own bodies.

- they state that violence in general and child abuse in particular are caused by abortion, thereby obscuring the actual social roots of violence and child abuse.

- they state that funding for abortion clinics is a cause of health-care cuts rather than government funding cutbacks.

The other side of the abortion issue is Pro-Choice.

PRO-CHOICE DOES NOT MEAN PRO-ABORTION; IT MEANS PRO-

THE CHOICE TO CHOOSE WHAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU. If a woman confronted with pregnancy approached a Pro-Choice organization, unsure of what her choices were, or what choice she should make, the organization would supply her with information on the centres in town that deal with pregnancy crises, Right to Life centres, Family planning centres, support groups for unplanned pregnancy and single-parenthood, information on adoption, information on abortions, etc., depending on what she asks for. Whether the issue is pregnancy, abuse, sexual assault, etc., in no way do Pro-Choice organizations or Pro-Choice advocates try to influence a person's

decision, they only supply the person with as much information as possible on the available choices to make an informed decision. Pro-choice groups not only support a woman's right to choose on abortion but also are opposed to forced sterilization and are trying to create the best conditions for women to have the children they wish to have.

I hope readers will be satisfied with the information gathered to present the other side of the abortion issue. Those involved, and there were many people working hard on this, have tried to address as many of the issues at stake as possible.

Tricia Leduc (with the assistance of other contributors)

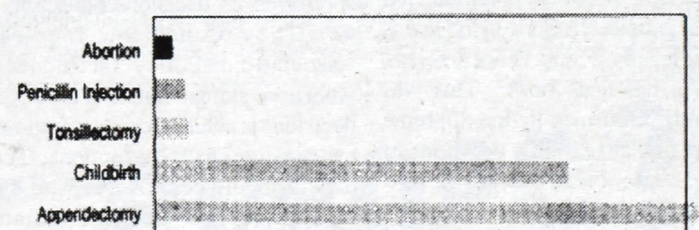
Safety of Abortion

Abortion is a safe, minor medical operation. However, it has not always been such a low risk procedure. Before 1969 when abortion was illegal in Canada, many women dies or experiences serious medical problems after having "back-alley" abortions or attempting to induce abortions on themselves. Many women were treated in hospital emergency rooms because they suffered from serious side-effects such as perforated uterus, retained placenta, severe bleeding, cervical injury, rampant infection, shock and gangrene.

Since legalization, women have benefited from greater access to high-quality professional services, as well as significant advances in medical technology. Today, legal abortion is considered to be a low-risk procedure which does not cause long-term health problems.

The overall complication rate for abortion in Canada is at an all-time low of 1.2 per cent; for first-trimester abortion, the rate goes down to 0.6 per cent. A comparison of the mortality rate for to other common types of surgery with that for abortion indicates that a first-trimester abortion is safer than an injection of penicillin, twice as safe as a tonsillectomy, and 100 times safer than an appendectomy. U.S. data indicates that a woman is 25 times more likely to die from pregnancy and childbirth than from a legal abortion.

PROCEDURE



MORTALITY RATE

The earlier an abortion is performed, however, the safer it is. So it is vital that access to early abortion be made more available throughout Canada.

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Pro-Choice Response

Abortion Is Not Murder Argument:

"The embryo is human and alive, therefore abortion is murder."

Response:

1) An embryo or fetus is a living organism of the species *Homo sapiens*. But so is every human egg and sperm cell. There is a difference between being genetically "human" and being a person in the moral sense.

According to the Canadian Medical Association's Committee on Ethics, the possession of certain capacities has become widely accepted as necessary for a person to exist. Specifically, a nervous system capable of some level of self-awareness and conscious perception ("sapient cognitive awareness").

An embryo or fetus at the early stage at which abortions in Canada are customarily performed has no consciousness or self-awareness — its rudimentary body predates a mind. According to the Canadian Medical Association's Committee on Ethics, it has not yet met the criteria for personhood that must be met by all other human beings.

2) Most people treat babies differently from fetuses, and late fetuses differently from early ones. As former Supreme Court of Canada Justice Bertha Wilson pointed out in *R. v. Morgentaler*, miscarriage often has a different meaning when it occurs in the first or second month of pregnancy (when it may not even be noticed), than when it occurs in the fifth or sixth month. Most people recognize that fetuses become closer to being human in a moral sense as they come closer to birth.

3) Through our laws, our society formally recognizes the moral distinction between potential and actual people. In Canada the law is clear: legally a fetus is not a person until it has been born. This was recently confirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada in its decisions in *Daigle* and *Sullivan and LeMay*. And abortion is legal.

Informed Consent

Argument:

"Women would not have abortions if they realized what they were doing. We need laws to require 'informed consent' to abortion"

Response:

1) The anti-abortion lobby is seeking laws which would force doctors to discourage women from having abortions, no matter what the woman's circumstances. The proposed laws would require women to undergo a biased counseling process focusing on the fetus, emphasizing the option of adoption, and misrepresenting abortion as unsafe.

These proposed changes are not designed to help women make informed choices, but to discourage them from having abortions. In addition, they would deny abortion patients their doctors best medical judgment, care and support, cause women increased stress and anxiety, and likely delay some abortions until later in pregnancy.

2) True informed consent is already a well-established and well-respected part of abortion care today. Informed consent is a legal requirement applying to anyone obtaining any medical procedure. Informed consent means that a patient has been given enough information about the medical procedure's risks, complications and alternatives to make a safe and healthy decision about it.

3) During the informed consent process we have now, women are told how an abortion is done and about the risks, complications and alternatives. They are given answers to their questions. Abortion providers make sure each patient is certain about her decision; any woman who is not is referred for decision-counseling.

4) The Canadian Medical Association's Policy on Induced Abortion states that the abortion decision "is made after conscientious examination of all other options...The patient should be provided with the option of full and immediate

counseling services in the event of unwanted pregnancy"

5) Current legal requirements and medical standards ensure that women are provided with accurate and unbiased information about their health care options. We know that our current informed consent practice works because studies show that women who have had an abortion remain satisfied with their choice.

6) The proposed laws are based on the false premise that women who have decided to have an abortion need to be saved from their own decision. Studies show that women don't regret their abortion decisions. On the other hand, the decision to have children, which has far greater consequences to the individual and the community, is not legally inferred with in any way.

The Truth About Breast Cancer

Argument:

"Abortion causes breast cancer."

Response:

1) Breast cancer is a very complex disease, and researchers don't know what causes it. At this point, there is not enough evidence about the effects of an abortion on the risk of breast cancer to produce any scientific consensus.

2) Studies investigating whether abortion affects the risk for breast cancer have shown conflicting results: some studies have shown no association, some have shown positive associations, and others have shown inverse associations. Scientists say that it is difficult to reach definitive conclusions from these studies because of the inconsistency of results, the inaccuracies in reporting of both spontaneous and induced abortion, the failure to control for other factors, as well as other problems in research design which affect results.

The largest — and most

comprehensive — study to date is a 30-year Swedish study of 49,000 women, which found no overall risk of breast cancer after an induced abortion. Likewise, a 1994 Harvard study of data from several countries concluded "these results do not support a large overall association between abortion and breast cancer." 3) When a study does find a difference in risk, it is small in epidemiological terms. The difference in risk in a recent Seattle study, if found to be true, would mean that the annual rate of newly occurring breast cancer in a 40 year old woman who has had an abortion would be about 1.9 per 1000, as opposed to about 1.28 in 1000 if she had not had an abortion. The more recent Harvard study concluded that any overall relation between abortion and risk of breast cancer is likely to be weak at most.

4) Some anti-abortion organizations have worked hard to stir up fears that abortion causes breast cancer, even though this claim has not been proven. Anti-choice activists don't support abortion, whether it is safe or not. When they proclaim that abortion should be banned because it might be linked to breast cancer, they are using this issue to further their legal agenda — preventing women from having legal choices about how to deal with unplanned pregnancies.

5) According to the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, "whatever future results show, the decision to continue or terminate an unplanned pregnancy will still need to be based on a balanced consideration of the entire range of relevant issues — personal ethical considerations, the desire for a child, the ability to care for it, and the total health implications of continued pregnancy versus induced abortion."

Rape and Incest

Argument:

"Abortion should only be allowed for rape and incest"

Response:

1) This argument says, in effect, if you enjoyed sex you cannot have an abortion but if you did not enjoy it (as in cases of rape and incest) you can. It's a very shaky argument because it reveals those who make it to be punishers. It also demolishes the argument that every fetus has equal value because it places less value on a fetus conceived through rape or incest. That is why hard-line opponents of abortion would not allow abortion for any reason.

Argument:

"Rape prevents conception because of the trauma. Therefore we shouldn't worry about rape victims when making our abortion decisions."

Response:

1) Any rape crisis centre can refute this argument. American studies reveal that from 2% to 5.4% of rape victims become pregnant.

Argument:

"Abortion should not be permitted for rape because it is wrong to 'punish a child for the sin of the father.'"

Response:

1) This position is utterly cruel and inhumane. Forcing a woman to bear a rapist's child is further torture for the victim of a heinous crime. Should the innocent victim of incest be made to suffer further because of the beliefs of some people?

Argument:

"Rape is violent but abortion is more violent."

Response:

1) Any victim of rape, ask any women who has had an abortion, which is violent. Women know the difference between rape and abortion, and this "big lie" technique won't work on them.

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Opinions

There's a time and a place to bring this subject to consciousness but this time is not at the end of the school year, (to avoid students' reactions) and the place should not be the university news paper. The blow would have been lessened if the pro-choice side would have presented their facts and opinions also but it wasn't. When there is an article in the paper that is too heavy or too disturbing, I choose not to read it, but this "advertisement" was impossible to ignore due to its length, its "coloured" pictures and its inaccurate content. I cannot begin to tell you how this "special edition" in last week's Lambda has affected me. There are other ways of getting \$ for the paper.

Tammy Girard.

I am shocked at the irresponsibility of Lambda in including "She's a Child" as a so called paid "advertisement" in it's March 14th publication. Obviously those involved in the decision making process were more concerned with the monetary outcome than the women at Laurentian University. Shame on you.

Natalie Caufield.

At first I was curious to see what was being published by pro-life groups. My curiosity soon turned to shock and disgust, especially after reading "Abortions Techniques Described." This is not informative, it is blatant scare-tactic propaganda.

G. Taylor

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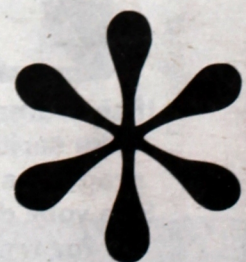
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The Risk of Unwanted Pregnancy

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Each year over 90% of sexually active women will succeed in preventing unwanted pregnancy during each menstrual cycle, approximately 8% a year will fail.¹ That small percentage means that hundreds of thousands of Canadian women will experience an unplanned pregnancy each year.

These unplanned pregnancies constitute approximately 40% of all pregnancies which occur to Canadian women. (For teenage pregnancies, the percentage is higher.)

Why do unwanted pregnancies occur?

Usually unplanned pregnancies occur when contraception fails or people fail to use it effectively.

*All current methods of contraception, especially barrier methods, will fail to prevent pregnancy for a certain percentage of users (see chart).

*Ignorance, embarrassment, sexual abuse or violence may lead people to rely on ineffective methods of avoiding pregnancy

*Restrictive moral or religious teaching about sexuality, contraception or fertility can also lead people to not use effective methods of avoiding pregnancy

Barriers To Contraceptive Usage:

The proper use of effective contraception is at least a four-step process: planning for its use; obtaining it; talking with one's partner about its use and making sure its used on every occasion.

Why people don't always use contraceptives:

*they have trouble acknowledging that they are sexually active and that an unwanted pregnancy could happen to them

*alcohol and drug use can impair judgement

*some men are often not aware of, or do not accept equal responsibility for the use of contraception

*contraceptives cost money and some require a prescription

*some religions oppose the use of contraceptives

*some schools and families still do not provide adequate sexual health education

Coping With An Unwanted Pregnancy

Not all unplanned pregnancies are unwanted. Sometimes an unplanned pregnancy is easily accepted by the woman or couple involved. They feel willing and able to make the necessary adjustments for parenting.

Other women feel unable to accept an unintended pregnancy or to go through with a (sometimes wanted) pregnancy under unhappy circumstances. Circumstances which make pregnancy difficult commonly include: not being ready to raise a child, problems with (or absence of) a male partner, poverty, lack of social support, the need to care for other young children, the need to get an education or keep a job, health

problems, the diagnosis of fetal abnormalities and pregnancy by rape or incest.

Options

A woman faced with an unwanted pregnancy may arrive at a decision on her own or with her partner. Or she may find talking to a friend, family member or a counsellor helpful.

There are three possible options for a woman facing an unwanted pregnancy:

*childbearing and motherhood

*childbearing and adoption

*abortion

All three of these choices could have life-long implications. Not one is easy. The decision must be made by the woman involved. It has to be based on her needs and hopes, on what she thinks is right for her. Professional decision-counselling seeks no predetermined outcome but encourages a woman to explore all the possible alternatives.

Source: Adapted from *Childbirth by Choice Trust, Fact Sheet: Unwanted Pregnancy*, nd.

How To Get Help If You Have A Crisis Pregnancy

Most women consider talking to someone close to them. Talking over the possibilities can help you sort out your ideas and thoughts. You may want to talk to your partner, your parents, a relative or a friend. Find someone you trust who you think will support you- whatever decision you make. Or talk confidentially with a counsellor at a family planning clinic.

Not all services that provide help to pregnant women will support a woman's decision to consider abortion. If you are pregnant and considering an abortion as one of your options, make sure that you seek help from a service that will help you consider all of your options. Services sponsored by Right-to-Life and/or Birthright do not support a woman's choice to consider abortion.

This is an important decision. You want to make sure that you are receiving counselling that is supportive, provides accurate information and is non-judgemental.

Seek help early. If your choice is abortion it is important to try and have the operation within the first 12 weeks of your pregnancy.

ABORTION COUNSELLING AND REFERRAL SERVICES IN SUDBURY

In Sudbury pregnancy counselling and abortion referral services are available at:

Family Planning Clinic
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If you choose to have an abortion, the procedure is performed in this city at the Sudbury Memorial Hospital. You will need a referral from a physician to be considered for the operation. You can get a referral from the medical counselling services at the Sudbury District Health Unit or the Health Services on campus. You can also see your family physician.

If you are unable to access services in Sudbury, you can seek help in Toronto or other centres in the province. For a detailed list of services call the Family Planning Clinic at the Sudbury and District Health Unit.

The Situation in Sudbury is Bleak:

We have limited access to abortion services in Sudbury now, but:

*there is only one hospital that allows abortions to be performed- but Memorial Hospital is scheduled to disappear under current plans for hospital restructuring

*to date there have been no plans announced to ensure that abortion services will be continued to be delivered under the new hospital structure

*there is only one physician who performs abortions and he is close to retirement age

*the conditions for qualifying for an abortion in Sudbury are restrictive: it must be the woman's first abortion and the operation must be performed within the first twelve weeks of the pregnancy

It's important that students and other community members stand up for these services when the new hospital structure is announced.

Other Organizations that Will Provide Counselling On Sexuality-Related Issues:

Laurentian University Women's Centre 675-1151, ext. 1089
Sudbury Women's Centre 673-1916
Sudbury Sexual Assault Centre Crisis line: 675-1323, Office number: 675-8071
Centre Victoria 677-0001

For A Parent, Friend or Partner

If your partner, friend or daughter is experiencing an unwanted

pregnancy, she will need your support whatever her decision. This is hard because many of us have strong feelings and values about this type of situation. Your first thoughts should be for her: what are her feelings, beliefs and ideas about this pregnancy. You want to help her make the decision that is best for her.

Here are some useful guidelines to follow:

*Never underestimate the effect that you have on her, both positive and negative. Remember, she has chosen to confide in you so let her know you accept and love her. Point out her good points; tell her she is a wonderful person.

*Don't judge or criticize her.

*Do be a willing listener if she wants to talk about it, but,

*Don't keep pushing her to talk if she'd rather not

*If you are dealing with confusing or negative feelings of your own, it may be too difficult to handle hers as well. Let her know that there are other resources available to her, including the services and organizations listed

above.

*When she makes her decision be supportive. This may or may not be the choice that you would have made, but this is her decision.

Source: Adapted from *Health Factors of Abortion*, Planned Parenthood, nd.

STATISTICS

Although there is no current national data, indications are that about half of Canadian women faced with an unintended pregnancy today choose to carry on with the pregnancy and raise the child. Many more young, single women are choosing to keep their children when in the past they might have chosen to place them for adoption. As a result, the adoption rate in Canada has gone down steadily. Today only about 2% of pregnant single women- mostly teenagers between the ages of 15-19 choose abortion. In 1993 there were 104,000 abortion performed in Canada, a rate of 27% per 100 births. This rate is slightly higher than in previous years, in part because of the poor economy.

Opinions

I was reading the insert "She's A Child Not A Choice" distributed by Campaign Life in Lambda's newspaper, March 14, 1996 and noticed something immediately.

There is something in particular about this paid publicity. It does not mention men and their involvement with planned parenting. The publicity blatantly discriminates against men. Sexist, because they do not consider their opinions and roles in the parental decision making process.

Women are strictly targeted and misinformation is given about special circumstances such as: rape, incest, poverty and age. There, this article is discriminating, narrow minded and one sided, for instance "she is a child not a choice" and not "he is a child and not a choice." The entire article has a negative point of view of women with regards to this issue.

Nathalie Phaneuf

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Abortion: Medical Facts

*Harsh and repressive legislation may reduce the number of abortions but has never stopped them. Such laws inevitably lead to a drastic increase in death and injury to women who seek illegal abortion. At least 200,000 women around the world die each year from clandestine abortions.

*At present there is no contraceptive that is 100% safe and 100% effective. Human beings are not infallible. Safe, legal abortion is essential as a back-up for contraceptive failure and human error.

*Abortion by a qualified practitioner is a safe medical procedure. It is 25 times safer than pregnancy and childbirth.

This is a separate article to go under the title:

Post-Abortion Syndrome?

In their battle against reproductive freedom, groups which are anti-choice-on-abortion continue to promote the tired myth that the majority of women who choose abortion suffer severe and prolonged emotional trauma as a result. This myth is used to rationalize anti-choice attempts to make all abortions (for all women under all circumstances) illegal. They've dubbed their pseudo-disorder "Post-Abortion Trauma" or "Post-Abortion Trauma", a name which connotes a connection with

legitimate syndromes suffered by such groups as battle veterans and victims of violent crimes.

Despite this deft manipulation, opponents of choice fail to offer any reputable evidence supporting their theory of widespread traumatization. In fact, the scientific studies not only refute the legitimacy of "Post-Abortion Syndrome", they overwhelmingly support the necessity of individual choice.

Arm yourself with the FACTS:

* studies show that psychological distress is generally greatest before the abortion and decreases afterwards.

* up to 91% of women report a sense of relief following the termination of early pregnancy.

* up to 98% of women who have abortions have no regrets and would make the same choice under similar circumstances.

* studies show that most women who have had an abortion see it as a successful coping mechanism for a personal crisis situation.

* mild, transient, immediately post-operative depression which quickly passes occurs in up to 20% of all women who have had abortions. A similar depression occurs in up to 70% of women immediately following childbirth.

* fewer than 5% of all women who have had abortions are at risk for serious emotional consequences. These are women with a history of psychiatric problems, as well as those

who expressed ambivalence towards their abortion.

* former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, who is anti-choice, went on fruitless search for verification of "post-abortion syndrome" for anti-choice President Ronald Reagan. Afterwards, Dr. Koop testified before the American Congress that, from a public health perspective, the number of women developing significant psychological problems related to abortion is "miniscule".

* studies show that the mental health of women faced with an unwanted pregnancy is at a greater risk when they are compelled to deliver than when allowed to choose abortion.

* the Canadian Psychiatric Association supports abortion remaining decriminalized.

POINTS TO NOTE: "Post-Abortion Syndrome" is a largely non-existent phenomenon. It is simply another ploy by the anti-choice movement aimed at making all abortions for all women illegal.

Claims about this so-called syndrome are being circulated by people whose anti-choice agenda shows no genuine concern for women's psychological well-being. In fact, many anti-choice people go to great lengths to try to make women feel bad about having an abortion. They harass and insult women at abortion clinics, disseminate propaganda containing medical misinformation and pictures

of late-stage fetuses, and foster social disapproval of women having abortions. Such anti-choice people do their best to make the already difficult decision to have an abortion even more difficult.

A woman faced with an unwanted, crisis pregnancy is the best and most qualified person to determine whether or not she should go through with her pregnancy. The empirical evidence show that women benefit psychologically from having the choice of terminating an unplanned, unwanted pregnancy with a safe and legal abortion. This choice must remain.

Childbirth By Choice Trust

Opinion

When I saw last week's edition of Lambda, I knew that I had to write something. I found the insert included in the paper to be very upsetting for me, both as a woman, and as an individual. You see, I am a woman who has to make the decision of abortion. I am now twenty-one years old and have lived with my decision for a year and a half. I am an average Laurentian student, and you would not recognize me as being "different" if you saw me on the street. I am not branded with any letter for the decision I made.

When I was nineteen, I has just finished one year of university, and found out that I was pregnant. My boyfriend and I talked for many hours about our options, but in our personal situation, we could not see having a child at that time. AS, we made the decision that we thought was best for us — we chose abortion. Or rather, I chose abortion. This was my decision to make, and his to support if he felt able to, which he did. I arranged to go out of town, for in my Ontario town many people would find out, despite the supposed "confidentiality" of hospital workers. And I did not feel that it was anybody's business but my own; I still don't feel that it is anyone's business but my own unless I choose to tell them.

Do I regret my decision? No, I do not. What I regret is the fact that I put myself in a situation where I had to make a decision. I got pregnant, plain and simple. I chose the option that I felt best for myself. And I am glad that the option of abortion was there for me, and for the other women that have needed it. Do I believe that I terminated what could have been a life. Yes, I do believe that I terminated a life. However, I also believe that if the being that was developing had a soul, then that soul did not die at the time of termination. That soul was taken back to wherever it came from, and will be born into a life where it is wanted and can be given the best possible life. I could not give a new life everything that it needed, and I hope that someone else can.

I always wonder what someone who had an abortion looked like - would they be any different? When I saw other women in that clinic, they were not much different from me. Some were older, some were younger, some were different colours, but all in all, they were very much like me. We were pregnant and could not bring that life into the world. When I look in the mirror, I am not that much different than any of you. When I look in the mirror, I have my answer.

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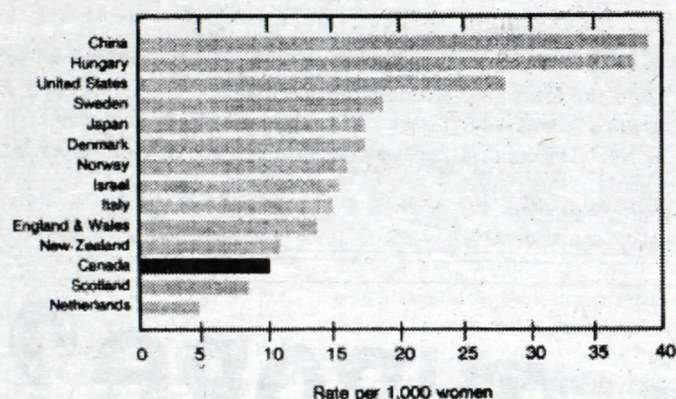
When dealing with such large and emotional issues like the abortion debate, it is a powerful tool to put a personal face to the facts and statistics that get thrown out at us. Gerri Santoro is one of these women. In order for Gerri not to become just another impersonal, faceless statistic, her loved ones tell Gerri's story.

In 1973, Robreta Brandes Gratz wrote an article in Ms. magazine entitled 'Never Again'. With her article she placed the gruesome coroners picture of a naked women crouched on a floor full of blood. This women was Gerri, and that picture became a symbol of what happens to women when there is no safe and legal access to abortions. When Gerri's sister Leona found out that Gerri's picture had become an icon for the pro-choice movement she was at first upset. Then as time went on she realized how important her picture was. It was to let people know who Gerri was and how come her life had to end so tragically.

It was the 1960's, and abortion was illegal in the United States. Gerri had got married to a man she had only known a short time. He turned out to be a physically abusive man, so Gerri left him. She took her two small daughters from their home in California, to go live with her family in Connecticut. She started a new life. In 1964, at the age of 27, Gerri became pregnant by her boyfriend. She also learned that her ex-husband was coming to visit their two daughters. Gerri was terrified of what he

would do when he found out she was pregnant. She feared he would kill her or get custody of their two children. Gerri felt her only option was an abortion. So her boyfriend got instructions from a doctor on how the procedure was done. In a motel room he tried to give Gerri an abortion but something went wrong, and he left Gerri alone in that motel room to bleed to death on the floor. The next day she was found by a chambermaid. Gerri's picture has come to symbolize the fate all women could encounter if abortion was made illegal. Gerri's story also lets us see the hole that is left in the lives of Gerri's loved ones.

LEGAL ABORTIONS Rates per 1,000 Women Aged 15-44 Years. Selected Countries, 1987*



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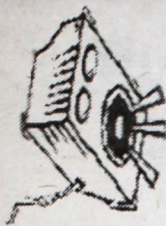
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Ozzy Osbourne—Ozzmosis

by Andrew Potter
The Varsity (CUP)

Ozzy has another album out, and I'm not sure whether to laugh or cry. Like some nth generation photocopy, what was once the heavy-metalized inner soul of rock has now degenerated into a barely-recognizable imitation. So boo for an Ozzy album that has 32 seconds of keyboards before we hear the first guitar. But yay for an Ozzy

album that has Sabbath bassist Geezer Butler laying down a big bottom. Boo for it being buried under Rick Wakeman's keyboards. Yay for Ozzy continuing to write songs with Lemmy Kilmister. Boo for Ozzy writing songs with Bryan Adams' estranged writing partner Jim Vallance. Yay for Ozzy getting an email address. Boo for it being on AOL. Boo for Ozzy thanking Mr. Mariah Carey, Tommy Mottola, in the album credits. Yay for guitarist Zakk Wylde daring to shred, when shred's been dead since, oh, *Nevermind*. Boo for it making no difference.

Phoenix had his fatal collapse outside The Viper Room and, hence, may have contributed to it.

With Butthole Surfer Gibby Haynes and former Stevie Ray Vaughan cohort Bill Carter leading the way, you'd figure P would be semi-interesting. P is Gibby's show all the way, and seeing how it's been almost three years since the last Buttholes record, the guy was in need of a little release.

Unfortunately, this release takes the form of schizophrenic genre-hopping experiments that were probably too stupid and indulgent for even the Buttholes. The record opens with a decent cover of Daniel Johnston's "I Save Cigarette Butts," but then it's on to fake Jesus Lizard ("Zing Splash"), fake dub (John Glenn), fake country ("Mr. Officer"), not to mention a straight-faced cover of "Dancing Queen" and a song about Michael Stipe that does not attempt to be funny. The net result is sort of like Ween, but without a trace of the humour or the pop genius.

Oh, and I almost forgot, Johnny Depp plays guitar on this record. You can really zero in on that distinctive guitar tone of his.

P—P

by Stuart Berman
The Varsity (CUP)

Yeah, I know Johnny Depp is a really good actor, even when he was on *21 Jump Street*. But does that mean he and his drinking buddies deserve a record contract? Before the release of this album, the only thing anyone knew about P was that they were on stage the night River

POETRY CORNER

The Dark

by Spirit
Contributor

Then show me what I am missing, teach me if I cannot see.
would you welcome the darkness,
the eternal night...
the loss of your sanity...
absence of sight.

the destruction of hope...
the glory of sin...
then welcome to eternity...
welcome me in.

The Urge

by Spirit
Contributor

This hunger gnaws inside of me
Consuming my feelings, my thoughts
Until all that remains is passion
And least of all, lust
My hunger is for you
To be able to feel you
Hold you, caress you
To wake up that instinct
Buried deep inside, the need
For satisfaction that only I can give
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4	4	4	Lagwagon	Hoss	Fat
5	5	2	•Mollys Reach	Hi-Fi and Stereo	Passion
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Thursday, March 21st

It's the last night to check out **Nobody Loves Me** on the Cinescreen and if you miss it you will be kicking yourself.

Friday, March 22nd

The Oscar nominated **Richard III** is starting tonight and running until the 25th on the Cinescreen.

If you are up for a little Shakespeare, **Romeo and Juliet** is playing at Sudbury Secondary School tonight and tomorrow. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for students. You can buy them at the school, Prom Music on Elgin and Jett Landry Music on Lasalle.

Saturday, March 23rd

Everyone's favourite band is back!! **Green Horn** (formerly Peterbuilt which was formerly Green Horn) is playing in the Pub for Vee's appreciation night. Simon says, go see them.

Sunday, March 24th

Stay in and watch **The Simpsons**. It is a good night to do so.

Monday, March 25th

There is this show called **Melrose Place** that you may have heard of. It's on tonight just in case you didn't know.

Tuesday, March 26th

Wild Reeds opens tonight for a two day stint on the Cinescreen. It opens with a beautiful country wedding and ends... well, I won't give it away.

Wednesday, March 27th

The season finale of **Party of Five** is on tonight and I'll be you're interested in what will dramatically change in the lives of Charlie, Bailey and Julia. If you aren't a fan, start watching now. It'll change your life.

Book Review— Traveling Europe on 84 cents a Day

by Paul Robert Palmer
The Brock Press (CUP)

Most copies of Gil White's *Europe on 84 cents a Day* will no doubt become well-traveled and dog-eared as their owners use them to navigate Europe and employ his advice.

"I simply plucked the '84 cents' out of the air to drive home the point that you don't need thousands of dollars to go to Europe," explains the author. "Too many students try to measure their fun by how much money they can spend rather than budgeting and exploring the country creatively."

Gil's formula for reducing major expenses is simple: the traveler should possess enthusiasm, an interest in meeting the people, learn to trust people, and more importantly, be willing to return the hospitality by performing simple chores, such as washing dishes, babysitting, or by offering gifts such as stamps, t-shirts, or cassette tapes. This 'trade-off' allows the traveler not only to reduce the costs, but more importantly, gain greater insight and understanding of

the people and the country.

Europe on 84 cents a Day is back by popular demand, revised and updated for the nineties and is the most creative and adventurous travel book to come along in years—unlike other travel books that offer only the nuts and bolts of travel (hotel and restaurant addresses, museum opening times).

The author also presents many methods that female travelers can employ to stay safe, while still

having as much fun as the guys. Among his precautions are taking advantage of university ride boards, cycling, or using companies that arrange rides for you.

"The biggest mistake you can make is to buy a Eurail pass for the entire trip. Take trains and stay in youth hostels for the first three weeks and as you gradually gain confidence, branch off into my more creative ideas," says the author.

He recommends leaving

Hiking" along the French Riviera.

By covering 36 countries (Western and Eastern Europe, the Middle East and North Africa), the author provides information on places you might not expect to travel. He offers personal tips on what to take: money, visas, currency rates, cycling equipment, proper paperwork and airline choices. For each country, White provides the best festivals, best scenery, the must-see tourist sights, night life, history and peculiar

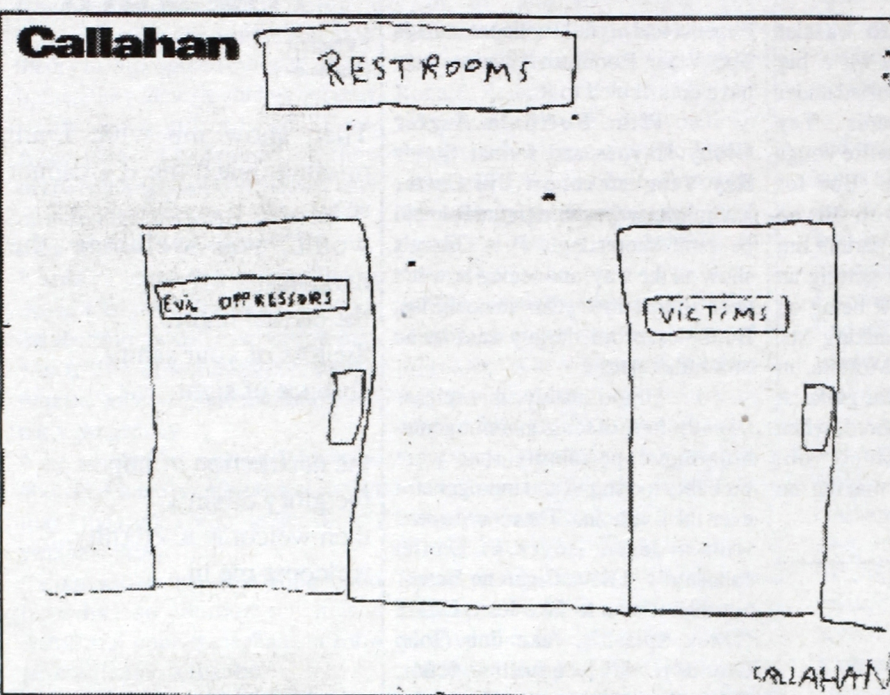
your options open, cycle one day, hitch the next, take a train or bus, camp, stay in vacant hotel staff rooms or with a farmer or university student. Some of his most useful travel tips are truly entertaining and insightful and will provide the best memories of your trip. Imagine getting rides by using "You're on the Air" (being on a radio station) method, or the "New Wave-Switch-Over," the "Wrong-Side-Ride-Road," method, and even "Yacht-

customs. the author says traveling can sometimes be overwhelming and by providing the 'best' of the country, the student can plan the day better if he or she is pressed for time. Actually, the book is two books in one, with the listing of over 3000 youth hostels and their telephone numbers—all located on over 130 country and city maps.

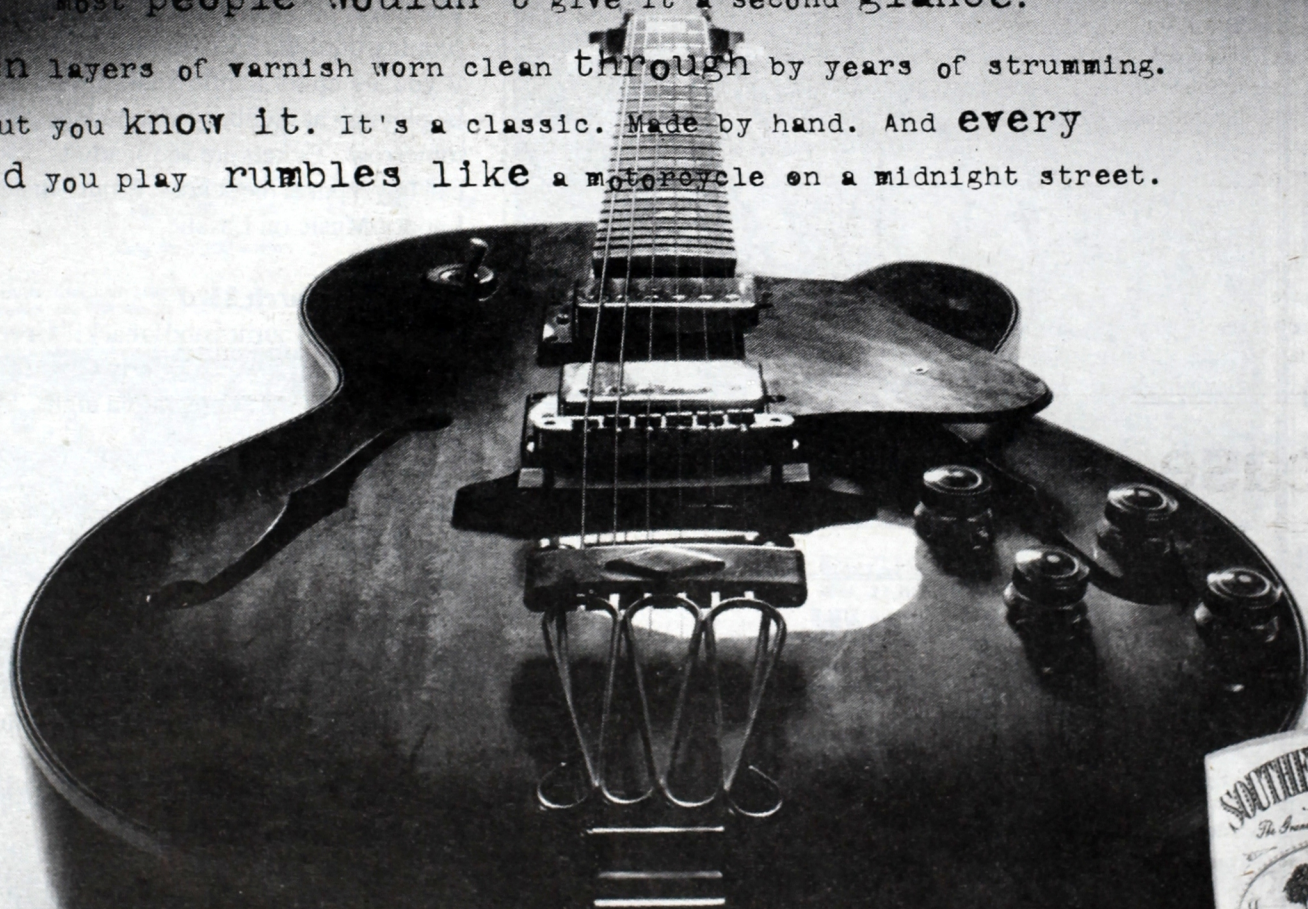
Indispensable are the traditional phrases in 20 languages, as well as specific phrases for getting accommodation, food or rides.

"You may be too tired to cycle to the next town, so open the book to the phrases in German which explain to the farmer you would like to work for a few hours in exchange for a bed, two meals, and a chance to learn about their culture," he explains. Hebrew and Arabic terms are even included.

Europe on 84 cents a Day fills a void in the travel market by combining budget travel tips with methods on how to get the most adventure out of your trip before you go onto the next phase of your life—your career. With over 75 ways to cut travel costs, the tips will aid both the veteran globetrotter and the first-time traveler. If *Europe on 84 cents a Day* says anything, it says that your travels should only be limited by your imagination and not by your wallet. It should be available at most major bookstores at a cost of only \$14.95.



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Go in' South Tonight?

Purple Hayes, TV Censorship and the 'V-chip.'

By Purple Hayes
Staff Writer

came on, or, sometimes, Mom would watch the show with us and explain the differences between real life and tv life. (Hint: if you're not using your bullet-proof, talking car to rescue a beautiful babe once a week, you probably live in real life.)

Of course their are other problems with the V-chip. For example, when it arrives, it will be a new piece of technology. And, in general, kids seem to be me adept at figuring out these things than the adults are. Basically, it will only be a matter of time before Mom and Dad start begging "Little Joey" to make the V-chip stop flashing "12:00" "12:00" "12:00"...

Also, the whole idea of a computer deciding what is and isn't appropriate for humans seems incredibly bizarre. It's like "Big Brother" meets Barney the condescending dinosaur. Furthermore, the fact that people are going to voluntarily use this chip, not to mention paying the monthly service fee (that is certain to follow) makes the whole idea seem even more unbalanced - I'm sure that if this was the plot to a new movie that most of us would have walked out by now.

ON the other hand, maybe the v-chip will be boon to society. Perhaps years from now, the inventors of the chip will be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, and all of the children they saved will be there to thank them. Imagine that, crowds and crowds of people who had never witnessed a single violent act in their lifetime - at least not until I fired the dynamite arrows at them.

"From what I understand, I'm a psychopath; I'm a rip-roaring, crazy, idiot with no regard for others - just a hungry blood lust for violence. Well, actually not yet, but I probably will be, wanna know why? Too much violence in my youth. Yep, after years and years of "Loony Toons" and "The Dukes of Hazard," my sponge - like brain has sucked up their altered reality. Now, it's only a matter of time before I'm hunting "Wabbits" with dynamite arrows.

Fortunately, starting next fall, future generations will be spared from my constand nightmare; and it's all thanks to the new V-chip. The V-chip is a technological screening device that attaches to the television. This chip will allow parents to "block" their televisions from receiving programs that have been rated as portraying violence, nudity, or inappropriate language (the v-chip is actually short for the "violence chip" - they must have gotten a group of geniuses together to come up with a clever acronym like that.)

Now, it may seem as though I'm against the new v-chip, but I'm not. Well, not exactly; in fact, I'd like to get one that was slightly modified. You know, it would seek out shows with sex, violence and profanity, while blocking signals from stations that were carrying shows like Captain Planet and Mr. Roger's Neighborhood.

Actually, in my house, we had the predecessor to the V-chip; we called it Mom. Mom would turn off the TV when something inappropriate

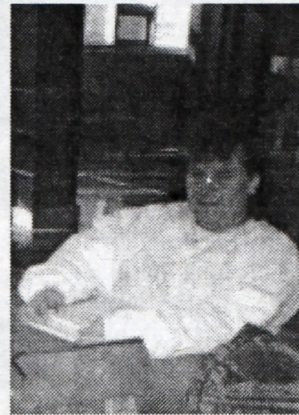
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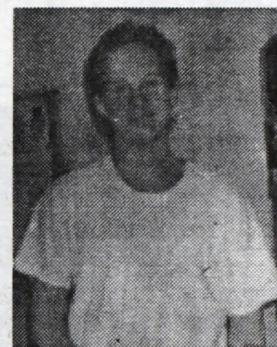
Vickie Death



Andie Green Eggs and Ham



Ray
Being handicapped



Sean
My roommate's dog eating me alive.... and Carine most of all.



Cousin It
What really make hot dogs out of .

Carine
Small Penises

Grease Is the Word

by Tara D'Angelo
staff writer

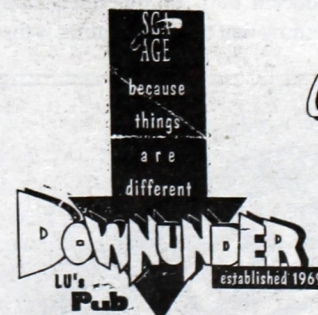
feel good "Summer Nights" to the rocking "Greased Lightning," the movie, which I just recently saw again, brought back more memories than any photo album in my household.

As a child, I loved Grease more than life itself. My mother took a picture of me sleeping next to the speaker in the living room while listening to the record. The problem was, I didn't understand some of the more mature underlying themes to the movie. For example, when Rizzo and Kenickie were having their first hot and heavy make out session, I didn't realize he had tried to use a condom but it was past the expiration date.

Watching Grease again made me realize many things. For one thing, a movie like this would not be accepted in 1996. Think back. In

the final segment, Sandy decides that she loves Danny and will do anything to prove it to him. So, she hangs up her pom poms and poodle skirt for a black spandex catsuit and leather jacket. Danny realizes the same thing and puts on his letter sweater over his black t-shirt. instead of his leather jacket. While singing "You're The One That I Want", he removes his sweater but her catsuit and leather duds remain. This would cause a bit of a stir today because she, the female, changed herself for the love of a man. However, it also made me think of a simpler time when the Hand Jive was cool and Sha-na-na was causing quite a stir. It reminded me of childhood and innocence and dancing and singing. Grease is the time, is the place, is the motion, and Grease is the way we are feeling. Grease is the word.

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Biff and Bart's Last Stand

by Biff and Bart
Columnists

(written Monday, March 18th, 1996)

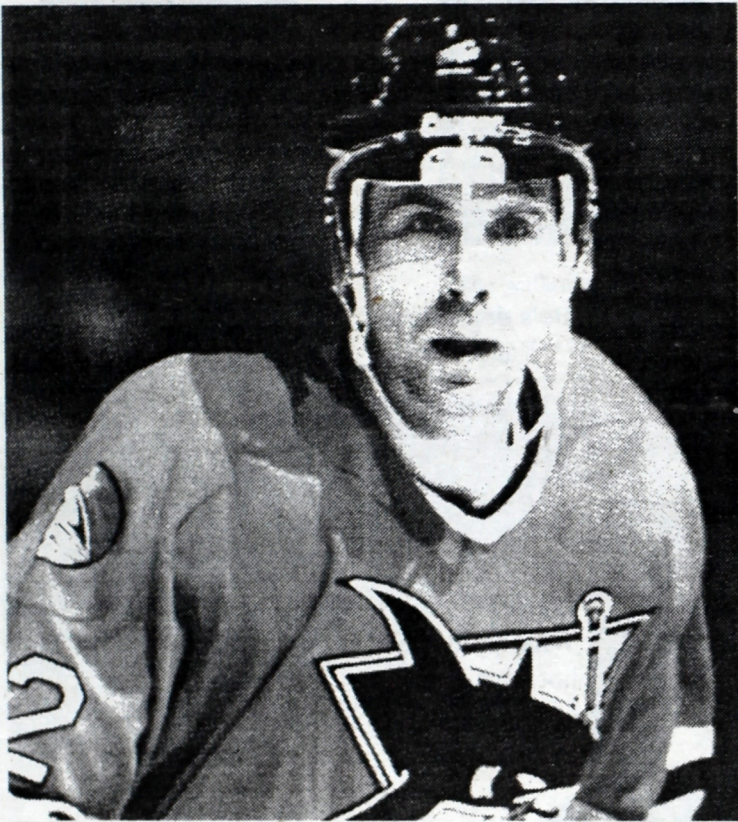
BART: Hi-dee-ho neighbours! There is only four weeks remaining in the hockey season. So, you all better start making your picks. I'd like to start this edition with a team on the rise. Whenever you think or hear of the Edmonton Oilers, the first names that come to mind are Corson, Ranford, Kurri, Gretzky, Coffey, Fuhr, and the other cast of characters who made this franchise into a dynasty during the late '80s and early '90s. But, today's edition of the Oilers do not have any big names. Or do they? Does Doug Weight sound familiar. He started the season very slowly, but is quickly becoming one of the many superstars that the NHL covets these days. He leads his team in points and may even

the year. Curtis Joseph has filled in admirably for the departed Bill Ranford. GM Glenn Sather continues to stress that his team is still rebuilding, but I believe he is wrong. I think that the Oilers are only a few key players away from returning to the glory days of yesteryear.

Staying on the topic of goaltenders, Damien Rhodes is one of the most underrated goalies in the league today. He currently plays on the NHL's worst club and has still been able to sport a goals-against-average slightly below three. If you ask me, Ottawa needs to show more consistency on their offense. They have a



Joe Juneau: Chicago-bound?



Ulf Dahlen

pass the 100-point barrier this season. Then you have a more familiar name

decent corp of blueliners and you know that the goaltending is there. If

they could get a little more offensive, they have the possibility to make the playoffs in the very near future.

Any Canucks fans out there? Any Pavel Bure fans out there? I have two interesting things to say to you. First, it looks like Pavel will be back for the playoffs. If this is the case, Vancouver could be one of the most dangerous teams in the playoffs this season. Second, it looks like Bure's single-season record for scoring goals may be in jeopardy. His Russian comrade, Alexander Mogilny, has 54 goals this season. Bure's record is 60 goals.

And now for my *rumour mill*. Expect Senators' Steve Duchesne to be moved. Look for Pittsburgh, Colorado, or even Montreal to make a move for this offensively-gifted defenseman.

The Washington Capitals are looking to add depth to their scoring woes. Perhaps Mike Modano, but perhaps not. His name has been in the news for months; I give up.

Farewell to the Montreal Forum. May all the good memories move on to the new Molson Centre.

That's it for me. Thanks to all our readers for following us this year. Good luck on your exams and

maybe we will see you next year!

BIFF: Hi folks! The only thing I am talking about today is the possible deal that teams will make before the trading deadline passes on the 20th. Here we go:

1) *Ulf Dahlen*: I see the Sharks unloading this talented veteran to a team that needs some offensive punch in the last month of the season. Look for Dahlen to be moved to either Philadelphia, Boston, or Vancouver come trading deadline.

2) *Rod Brind'Amour*: The Flyers are somewhat disappointed with his play this season. Although he is the third leading scorer on the team, he may be traded. It would not surprise me if he is shipped to Montreal in exchange for Brian Savage, Turner Stevenson, and Lyle Odelein. Both of these teams have been cold in recent weeks and this shake-up would probably benefit both teams.

3) *Kelly Buchberger*: The only recognizable Oiler from the Stanley Cup victories, his days appear to be numbered. I would not be surprised if he moved to Chicago, the Rangers, or even Washington. Buchberger is a crafty veteran who has the ability to ignite an offense after delivering a

bonecrunching hit.

4) *Brian Marchment*: I would not be surprised to find him in Pittsburgh next week. In return, the Oilers would receive Markus Naslund.

5) *Luke Richardson*: This former Leaf 1st rounder may be on his way to New Jersey in exchange for promising young center Brian Rolston.

6) *Joe Murphy*: Murphy has failed to meet the Hawks' expectations again. This may be the last time the Hawks will have to put up with his disappointment. Do not be surprised if he lands in Washington for Joe Juneau. Both of these players appear to need a change of scenery to re-ignite their careers.

7) *Tom Chorske*: This gifted two-way player could be on his way out before the end of the week. Although it would be considered to be only a minor deal, he may be on his way to Calgary for a late draft pick.

8) *Dave Karpa*: This rugged Duck could be on his way to Tampa, but the Lightning would not have to give up much for his services.

9) *Pat Lafontaine*: This could be the only blockbuster of the trading season. I could see Captain Pat leaving the Sabres for a team that could afford his salary. Don't be surprised if you see either San Jose, L.A., or even the Rangers make a pitch for this highly-talented player. 10) *The Hatcher Brothers*: Dallas will likely unload one of these two in the next few days. They will likely concede that their season is over and begin to look for new talent for next year. I see either Washington, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Hartford, and even Boston as possible future locations for both of these brothers.

Well, that's about it. Let's hope my track record stays strong. Thanks for tuning in this year and good luck on your exams!

Biff & Bart

OCAA / OHL Player of the Month

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Kevin MacKay, a right winger with the Laurentian Voyageurs, is the February winner of the OCAA / OHL Player of the Month honours.

The first year Arts student from Sault Ste. Marie led the Voyageurs to a 6-1-0 record, scoring 10 goals and adding 12 assists for 22 points. MacKay was a major contributor to a team that won the Mid West Division of the OCAA with a two game sweep of the Brock Badgers in the Division Final before advancing to the OCAA Final Four in Waterloo. In the process, the Voyageurs won their first playoff contest since the 1979 season.

Kevin was selected to the OCAA West Division First All Star Team and was third in the league in scoring with 23 goals and 32 assists in 22 games.

MacKay played the majority of his Ontario Hockey League career with the Windsor Spitfires. In 174 games, Kevin netted 91 goals and had 130 assists for a total of 221 points. He played part of the 1989-90 season with Belleville before moving to Windsor and playing with the Spitfires through the 1991-92 season.

Kevin will receive a cheque for \$500.00 towards his education costs from the Ontario Hockey League. The award is given to an OHL grad currently playing in the OCAA for both athletic and academic achievement.



Student Trainers Needed for Varsity Teams

by Wendy Hampson
Contributor

The Voyageur Athletic Therapy Clinic is in the process of accepting applications for student trainers for the varsity teams beginning in September of 1996.

The position would require you to be present for all practices and games to look after the injury needs of the team you have chosen. Depending upon the team, your duties would include taping, massaging, injury assessment, and immediate management, and possibly some managerial duties.

Prerequisites for the job are CPR and St. John Ambulance courses. There will be further, very specific training required in September.



If this interests you, please come to the clinic in the Phys. Ed. Centre to pick up an application before

March 24, 1995. The choices will be made before the end of the school year.

INTRAMURAL NEWS

by Dee Dee Gagnon
Staff Writer

SUCCESS! Thanks to all who participated in Intramural Badminton. A special thanks to the sponsors, Rock's Athletics, Northwear, Notre Dame, and McDonald's for the great prizes they donated. Congratulations to Natasha Robillard and Eric Boucher, first place winners, Monica Adair and Jamie Ryan, second place winners, and Katrina Wootton and Mike Taylor, third place winners. Job well done! I hope everyone had fun and look forward to seeing you next year.

LURFC Has Great Showing at Blue Balls Tourney



The Laurentian University Rugby and Football Club demonstrated the amount of talent and grit that they possess in a tournament held in New York State March 9th. The boys travelled to compete with teams from the States and Canada and proved that the LURFC is a force to be reckoned with. After coming out of round robin play undefeated, the boys played one of their most aggressive games against the Belleville Bulldogs. Although the game was close, the LURFC was knocked out in the semi-final match. All the players represented Laurentian well both on and off the rugby field. After the tournament, the team displayed more spirit than anyone down south and will not be soon forgotten. The boys definitely let the other teams know what size of shoes (or boots) they would have to fill to compete with us. Thanks to all the

guys who made the trip a success and definitely an experience to be repeated. Thanks are also sent out to Mr. Ron Larwood for supporting the team in its endeavour. Good luck on exams and we hope to see everyone out next year.

If you are interested in joining the LURFC, be you man or woman, experienced or not, contact Laura Emch at 671-3679 or Tom Killingbeck 677-0423.



Back in the Fold

by Matthew Del Papa
Staff Writer

He's back! He's back! Wendel's back! Dance and sing, fellow Leaf fans, for the future looks bright. Well, maybe not bright, but definitely brighter. With the return of Clark, and Burn's recent banishment, a new era in Leaf hockey has begun. Hopefully a new attitude will work its way through the Leafs' worn out line-up, rejuvenating old legs and tired backs. There are always some who will second-guess a trade, saying the Leafs gave up too much of their future, but seeing Wendel Clark sporting the Buds' blue and white will soon quiet any nay-

sayers.

Contrary to popular belief, the Toronto Maple Leafs did not suffer a slump; they were simply resting. Knowing full well that the upcoming playoffs will be taxing on their aging stars, they have devised a strategy so simple that its brilliant.



the Leafs will miss the playoffs, but these doubters were unaware of Wendel's return. Mark my words, the Leafs will make the playoffs, and they have as good a chance as St. Louis of reaching the conference finals. Toughness and defense are what succeed in the playoffs, and the Leafs now have both in Clark and Schneider (not to mention the earlier addition of Nick Kypreos). If new head coach

Nick Beverly can get the boys playing more aggressive and tougher in their own end, the rest should take care of itself.

Look for an immediate improvement in the Leafs, both in play and attitude. If the return of Wendel can not spark the Leafs to great things, then its time to admit defeat and don a Habs' jersey. Hopefully that day will never come.

Now some people (mostly Canadiens fans) might try to argue that

Welcome home, Wendel. Now all we need is Brad Marsh and we have a real cup contender.



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